

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 6, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmember's Present**

Thomas Wheeler, President  
Raymond Johnson, Vice President  
Dan Mandolesi  
Dale Walton Jr.  
Debbie Mahon  
Nick Lodise  
Judy Coleman  
Mayor Dave Harris

**Staff in Attendance**

Solicitor Robert DeBias  
Police Chief Bob Juno  
Treasurer Diane McKairnes  
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater  
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski,  
Authority Chair Jim Clark

**Councilmember's Absent:** none

**Staff Absent:** Fire Marshall William Wheeler and HHS President Marce Heald

**Guests in Attendance:** Mike Wasson, Constable

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:38pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of September 14 & 22, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Wasson came to address council regarding the need for a police radio. Mr. Wasson had conversations in the past regarding his need for a radio with Chief Walton, however that need was never passed on to council. All the constables in the area have radios and Mr. Wasson is under the impression that they received them through RDA grant money. He needs just a simple radio and is willing to put up some of his own money to purchase it. Council informed Mr. Wasson that the RDA requests have already been submitted for this year and that if he wanted to make a request it would have to be done next September. Mr. Johnson said he would investigate the matter and report back his findings. Mr. Mandolesi said he would contact Ms. Davis and let her know Mr. Wasson would be contacting her regarding the radio need. Council was very sorry they could not do more now but RDA deadline was past and the budget was set for the upcoming year. Council had no idea until this evening that there was a need for a radio.

**Police Report:**

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of September 2015: 13 Incidents, 67 Traffic, 2 Parking, 4 Accidents, 2 Assists, 1 Summary, 1 Criminal pending, 22 District Court, 0 County Court, 2 EMS for a total hours worked: 323, Total Salary \$6,665.30.
- The police will be billing the turnpike commission 130 hours or \$2,698.40 for the month of September

- Do companies need a permit to solicit in Hulmeville? The answer is yes there is a solicitation form they need to complete. If you ever see anyone going door to door you can ask them for the permit or call the police and let them handle the matter.
- The extra hours reflected in the police report are due to the Hulmeville Sale, interviewing people regarding the drowning and hours paid by the turnpike commission.

#### **Authority:**

- The Water & Sewer passed their budget on September 28, 2015. Mr. Clark distributed a copy to council. The budget is close to last years budget with a little more revenue recorded. The revenue increase is due to the service charge for water testing and outstanding debt that has been recovered. They are proposing a 5% increase again this year.

**Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to pass the Water & Sewer budget for 2016-2017; motion carries 7-0-0.**

- Mr. Stoner emailed a copy of the proposed changes to the Act 537 Plan.

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to adopt the Act 537 Plan updates; motion carries 7-0-0.**

#### **Borough Property:**

- The electric company came and replaced the junction cover at Michelle Court.
- The wall at Hulmeville Borough is in great need of repairs. The Historical Society has decided not to take it on as a project. Mr. Mandolesi will go back to his contact and see if the quote he received for repairs has changed. Currently there is \$4,500 in the budget for the repairs and to date only \$280 of that budget has been spent.
- There is still some confusion as to the location of the Jersey blocks that were used during the bridge construction. Mr. Mandolesi thought they were returned and the owner of the blocks is claiming he has not received them back yet. Mr. Wheeler will contact Brightline and see if they took the blocks and if so have the blocks returned to their rightful owner.
- Mr. Mandolesi did call for a price on the Jersey blocks. He was told they cost \$32 each. Hulmeville is still in need of some blocks to take the place of fencing that has fallen down.

#### **Streets:**

- No issues with trash collection
- Two lights have been reported for replacement one at Walnut & Fairview and the other at McCarthy.
- Mr. Lodise fixed two signs that were down in the borough one on Green Street and the other at Lincoln and Reetz.
- Ira Romberger called Mr. Wheeler regarding painting the lines on the streets.

#### **Zoning:**

- Ms. Juno had no report to submit this month

- Mr. Mandolesi will follow up with Ms. Juno regarding two complaints of overgrown shrubs one at 1 Green St and the other at 910 Bellevue Ave.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of October 5, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• <b>General Fund Checking</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 115,794.26
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 35,548.13
Income Totaled:	\$ 12,791.72
General Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2015:	<b>\$ 93,037.85</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 136,897.10
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 26,264.41
Income Totaled:	\$ 3,159.93
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2015:	<b>\$ 113,792.62</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 350,772.71
Interest September	\$ 7.81
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	<b>\$ 350,780.52</b>
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 23,982.52
Interest September	\$ .53
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	-\$ 786.70
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	<b>\$ 23,196.35</b>
• <b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 11,310.93
Interest September	\$ .29
Deposits	\$ 6,877.22
Expenses Total:	-\$ 0
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	<b>\$ 18,188.44</b>

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated October 5, 2015 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public: Note Bensalem Rescue Squad was added for \$25.00 and Armour was taken out for \$9,247.00 to be submitted to RDA for payment.

• <b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of September 15, 2015:	\$ 99,127.90
ending balance as of October 5, 2015:	\$ 71,976.57
• <b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of October 5, 2015:	\$ 113,620.17
ending balance as of October 9, 2015:	\$ 97,189.95
• <b>Highway Aid</b> beginning balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 23776.73
ending balance as of September 11, 2015:	\$ 23008.10

Note liquid fuels 2016 allocation is \$23,563.88.

**A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated October 5, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0**

### **Solicitor Report:**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to authorize the request for payment of \$9,247.00 from the RDA for the Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System; motion carries 7-0-0.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to authorize the signature of the snow and ice removal contract to CDU for a five year term; motion carries 7-0-0.**

- The RDA application for the police SUV was filed with the RDA. Hulmeville's application was the first one received by the RDA.

**Mayor's Report:** The mayor attended the Penndel Manor celebration. The weather was not very nice.

### **MS4:**

- As stated in September's meeting two months ago the DEP informed us the TMDL permit application was not accepted. The permit has to include the entire Borough not just what is owned by the borough. Ms. Mahon met with Mario Canales on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 3pm at Pickering, Corts & Summerson Newtown office to discuss this. They discussed the possible options for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Design Plan for Hulmeville Borough. Mario supplied Ms. Mahon with a copy of Penndel Borough's Design Plan. It is Ms. Mahon's suggestion that we do not choose to do a Parsing study, as this promises to be too costly. Through generalized calculations, Mario figured that the DEP might expect the borough to reduce our sediment by 43,322 lbs per year. This number is thought to be mostly from stream bank erosion. Residents may have an interest in submitting a Stream Encroachment Permit with the DEP/Army Corps of engineers on retaining what earth is on their property in the flood plain.
- The options that were discussed for the TMDL Design Plan are as follows:
  1. Rain Barrel encouragement. Ms. Mahon is looking into other towns' programs on how they encourage residents to install these. PWD has a program that is sponsored by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. We may also take credit for those residents who may have installed them from July 1, 2013 onwards.
  2. Tree installation program. Ms. Mahon will discuss a possible partnership with the Hulmeville Garden Club about installing 2 trees a year for the next 5 years within the open space areas in the borough
  3. Eagle Scout work with the borough. This would satisfy many Best Management Practices (BMP's) for the permit. Ms. Mahon had a meeting with Ryan Idell (accompanied by his mother) on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6pm at Hulmeville Borough Hall to discuss his possible Eagle Project for Boy Scout Troop 82. He will review the information presented to him and let us know his decision.
  4. A program with BCWSA to vacuum our inlets/outlets on a scheduled basis. We would need to contact BCWSA to discuss how much this service would cost.

5. Drain guards. Mario thought that this might be too expensive of an option without knowing if the DEP would approve this for a BMP. This is one item that he suggested to not do until we get the approved permit back. However, this is an item that needs to be researched for which inlets/outlets would/should need the guards.
  6. We will continue to include the borough leaf clean ups, the twice a year street sweepings and inclusion of the borough rain garden.
- Mario mentioned that his expense for the cost of this additional work would be below \$4000.00. Approximately \$2000.00 - \$3000.00
  - Ms. Mahon is interested in attending the November 17, 2015 workshop that the DCNR is hosting for grant applications. This is a possible avenue to help with expenses for all of the above mentioned options.

**Storm Water:** no report

**Finance:**

- Ms. Coleman went line by line through the budget. The projected expenses are \$18,465 over projected revenues.
- One large cost on the budget is storm water. The law does allow for the creation of a “storm water authority”. It could be stand alone or placed with the water and sewer authority. The creation of the authority would allow the collection of storm water assessments. Not many townships are creating a separate authority. If council was interested in pursuing this they would need to have an ordinance to establish it and adopt it. This would take some time to create and not able to be done in time for this year’s budget.
- After much discussion council decided on raising the fire tax by .75 and the real estate tax by 2.5 which would bring a combined total to 16 mills. The tax is a 10% increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski  
Secretary Hulmeville Borough